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## Champ Pleads No Contest

by Jess Behrens

Vinson Horace Champ, the man accused of raping UNO teacher Heidi Hess, pleaded no contest to first-degree sexual assault at the Douglas County Courthouse on Tuesday.

By pleading no contest, Champ could be sentenced to anywhere from one to 50 years in prison. According to the bailiff in Judge Lawrence Corrigan's court, John Dimari, Champ will be sentenced both in Omaha and in Lincoln.

Champ, who is a comedian from California, is expected to be sentenced in approximately one month.

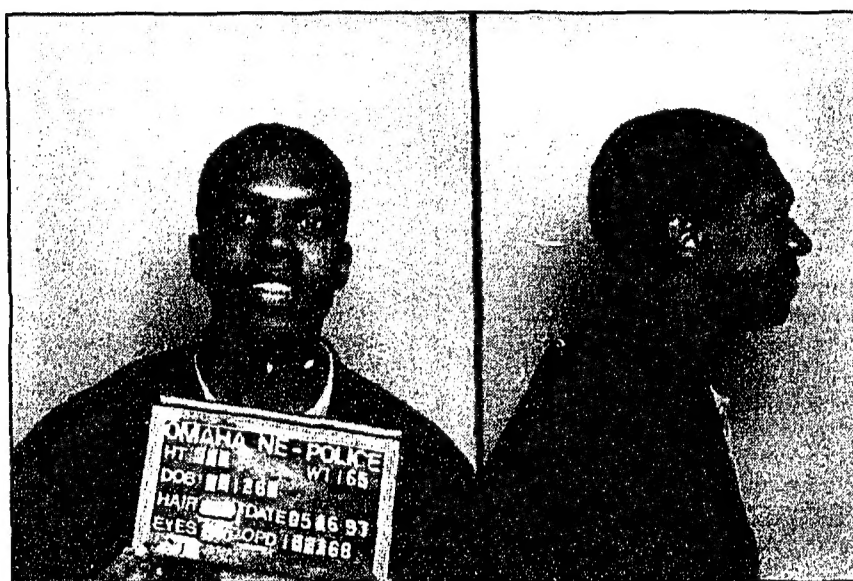
Before he can be sentenced, a pre-sentencing investigation must be conducted.

According to Professor Cassia Spohn of the criminal justice department at UNO, the exact nature of this investigation varies by jurisdiction.

"Basically, they are trying to determine if this offender is an appropriate candidate for probation or if other alternatives to incarceration should be considered. For example, treatment," Spohn said.

The investigation will focus on the offender's background; the individual's criminal record, employment history, education, military service record and any alcohol, drug abuse or other emotional problems. Spohn said that of all the factors to be considered, the individual's prior criminal record is the most important.

According to Hess, the plaintiff in the case, Champ is facing similar charges in Lancaster County, Neb., Davenport, Iowa, and Pasadena Calif.



California comedian Vinson Horace Champ pleaded no contest on Tuesday to the March 5 rape of UNO teacher Heidi Hess.

"The pre-sentencing investigation is an attempt to give the judge as much information about this person and his background as possible so that the judge can fashion an appropriate sentence," Spohn said.

Spohn also said that this investigation will differ from other such investigations because of the case's profile. She indicated that the investigation will most likely be more thorough and that it will require more time.

When asked if she thought that the poten-

tial punishment would serve justice, Hess said, "I look at it in a more dynamic way. I'm free and my life is on a steady incline. He will always be a convicted sex felon."

"I'm happy. This event is going to color the rest of his life," Hess said on Tuesday.

Nancy Hess, Heidi's mother, also feels that justice will be served.

"I feel that since he will be punished that justice will be done. He has enough charges to last him for quite awhile," she said.

## Neorealism at UNO

by Stephen Croucher

opinions of the author enclosed

Looking for something to do while you are not in class? Want to see something that will catch your attention, and intrigue you?

Where do you find something like this? At the Weber Fine Arts Building Gallery.

Presently the gallery is showing the work of two UNO alumni: James D. Butler and Stephen Cornelius Roberts.

The work of both of these painters is described as, "neo realism." This type of artwork is distinguished by its emphasis on the real world. This emphasis can be on either landscapes or human beings.

Butler, a UNO alumni who now lives in Illinois, has five paintings on display in the gallery. Each of his paintings show nature and man's involvement in it.

In "A Summer Storm Over the Adair Fair," Butler shows a small farm dominated by a large storm. Not only does the storm have a combination of blacks, blues and grays, but the size of the storm shows just how small humankind really is.

Below the expanding darkness of the clouds, a blend of green, orange, brown and yellow show a beautiful landscape. This landscape is very reminiscent of the Midwest.

His other paintings presently on display include "Evening View Near Bennington," "Win-

see REALISM, Page 3

## Cat Keys: Distribution Stopped Despite Demand

by Wendy Townley

In January of this year, the Women's Resource Center (WRC) announced that due to an issue of liability, they would no longer be distributing the popular self-defense weapons known as "cat keys."

Since then, the WRC has received "tons of requests for them," according to WRC director Eve McLain.

"People are still calling here (WRC) for them," McLain said on Tuesday. "These people are calling both from on campus and off campus as well."

McLain said that with the increased number of requests, the WRC has been referring the requests to Ron Howlett of the Omaha Steel Company.

Howlett, the owner of the Omaha Steel Company, designed the "cat keys," also known as the Patti Key Defenders, in honor of his slain daughter, Patti. Patti was brutally murdered by an attacker.

In January, the university strongly suggested to the WRC to end their distribution of the "cat keys."

"WRC has stopped distributing them. Some of the workers (at the WRC) have distributed them individually, not through the WRC. We took them home," McLain said. "We are out of them right now."

When the WRC announced they would no longer distribute the "cat keys," a reserve of over 1,000 cat keys were put away.

The staff of the Women's Resource Center each took a number of the "cat keys" and distributed them individually, and not as a member of the WRC.

***"They (cat keys) will no longer be a part of WRC unless Howlett comes out with an alternative use for them. They will no longer be considered a concealed weapon if they have another use."***

"We will not be getting any more in," McLain said. "They (cat keys) will no longer be a part of WRC unless Howlett comes out with an alternative use for them. They will no longer be considered a concealed weapon if they have another use."

Terry Howlett, son of Ron Howlett, said on Tuesday that the YWCA has "increased their demand since the announcement."

While the WRC no longer distributes the self-defense weapons, Omaha Steel does.

Since the announcement, Terry Howlett

said that he has found two companies to manufacture the parts of the "cat keys."

While Ron Howlett is out of town, Terry Howlett said that his father is "very much aware of what is going on here in Omaha."

Terry Howlett also said that the local distribution of the "cat keys" will continue and

could go nationwide.

In the last six to eight months, Omaha Steel Company has distributed 7,000 to 8,000 "cat keys." Each "cat key" costs approximately \$1.30 to manufacture.

"The Howlett family is not worried about the announcement made to the university," Terry Howlett said. "No type of law has contacted us telling us we can't distribute them. We (Omaha Steel Company) have no problem with the YWCA and the Women's Re-

source Center seeking legal advice from us."

Terry Howlett said that if a legality problem arises, the Howlett family will "cross that bridge if we come to it."

Omaha Steel Company is not the only local distributor of the "cat keys."

Sadie Bankston, founder of the organization P.U.L.S.E. (People Uniting to Lend Support and Encouragement), has also begun distributing the "cat keys" out of her home.

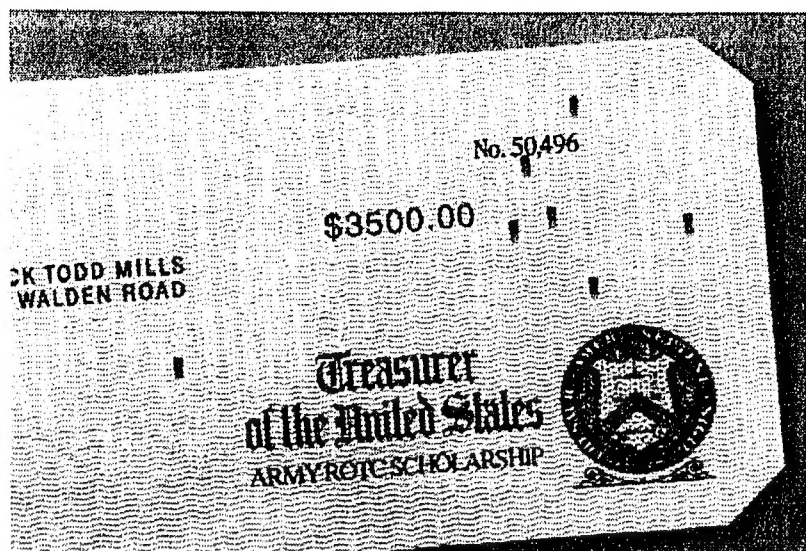
P.U.L.S.E. was started after Bankston's son was murdered.

Bankston said that seeing the story on the "cat keys" on television "touched" her.

"I've had the 'cat keys' now for about two weeks. I was given one hundred of them and sixty-five are now gone. In fact, I need to call Terry (Howlett) and request another hundred."

Bankston also said that a friend of hers, who is a supervisor of a manufacturing company, asked her for a number of the "cat keys" because the company employs several women.

"These women are going out to their cars at night, alone," Bankston said. "This gives them a sense of protection. I think they ('cat keys') are wonderful."



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Dancers from UNO's Moving Company perform "Energy," choreographed by Professor Josie Metal-Corbin. Pictured from left are Theresa Murphy, Lauren Kotulak, Susan Hendricks and Sally Ware. The Moving Company will be featured in an upcoming Gateway article in the Feb. 24 edition.

## Campus Calendar

February 20-27

### "NeoRealism" Exhibit

Stephen Comellus Roberts and  
James D. Butler on display  
Fine Arts Bldg.  
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### The Omaha Riots of 1919

presented by Alan Jacobsen  
MBSC, Aksarben Room  
Feb. 25,

### Indigenous - Musical group

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MBSC Ballroom  
Feb. 23-24, 8-5

### Friendship In the Age of AIDS

MBSC - Nebr. Room  
Feb. 27, 11:30 am

### Black History Museum

MBSC, Nebr. Room  
Feb. 24, 11:30 am

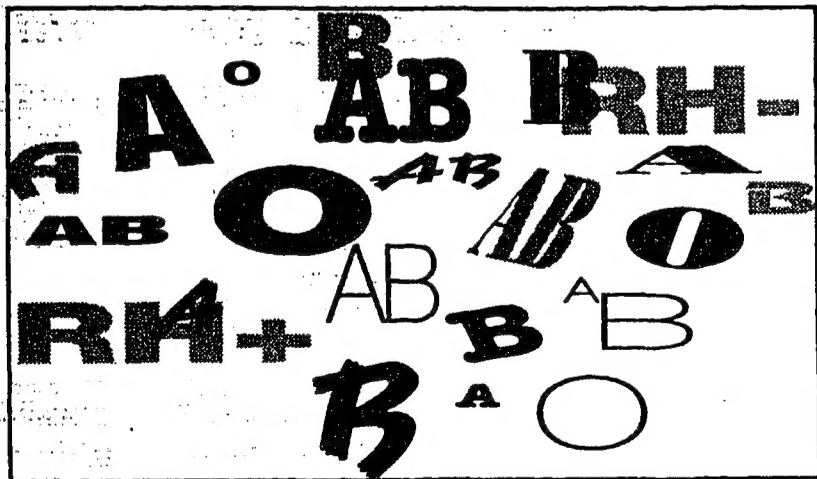
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Paintings by  
Stephen  
Cornelius  
Roberts on  
display at the  
Weber Fine  
Arts Building.

was magically transported onto the canvas.

There is extreme detail given to the figure's muscle tone. The brush strokes and the blending of colors used to create this effect draws attention.

Roberts believes this painting has the most impact on him because, "frontal male nudity isn't easy for society. So it gets added attention." He added, "I also really like him as a figure. I think he turned out really well."

One of his other 10 paintings is, "Painting of M." This painting is, well, two paintings. On the left side is a nude woman facing forward, on the right side, her back is turned toward the viewer. Once again, Roberts uses color to make the woman appear to be even more life-like.

Roberts has eight other paintings on display including one of himself, nude from the waist up, and one of his wife from her neck up.

Roberts did have a few words of wisdom for young aspiring artists. "If you want to make a living as a fine artist, you have to be willing to go through some hard financial times," he said.

Kelly said the attendance of UNO students and faculty has been fairly high for this "neo realism" feature. "Our attendance is higher than normal," she said.

Kelly added that the next display to hit the walls of the gallery will be from part of a student art competition.

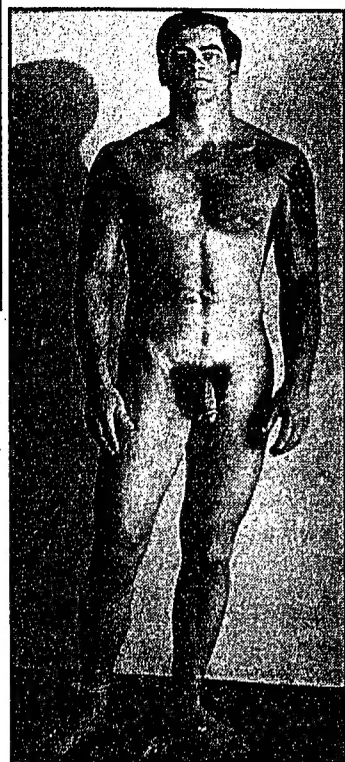
In order to have art work shown in the gallery, slides or small photos of art work must be submitted to a committee that looks them over. The committee then decides what to show and what not to show.

After this decision is made, the artwork is brought in and an opening reception is planned.

This reception includes food, beverage, art lovers and whenever possible, the artists themselves.

Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 10-4:30 p.m. However, if these hours do not work for someone who would like to see the artwork, Kelly said those people can call her. "If people call me and ask me to meet them here and open the gallery for them, I will be here if I can," she said.

The present feature lasts until March 6, 1998. After that there will be a one-week period before the next feature is presented and open to the public.



ter Sunlight," "Haze on the Horizon" and "Small Fire at Dusk."

The other artist whose work is being displayed is Stephen Cornelius Roberts.

The artist, who lives and works in Omaha, has 10 paintings on display. Each of his paintings is of a nude. Roberts paints nudes because he started painting nudes when he was younger and just kept on painting them. "I started painting seriously out of high school about 26 years ago," he said.

All of his paintings in the gallery are painted with oil acrylic on linen.

One of his paintings, "Painting of N.C.," is 12-feet tall. Roberts said, "This painting is large, so you won't miss it when you walk by."

Nancy J. Kelly, the director of the art gallery added, "This painting was painted sideways."

With a distant glance at this painting, one will see a portrait of a man wearing no clothes. However, on closer examination, one can see the detail and effort put into this painting. For example, each strand of hair on the figure is a smooth stroke of the brush on the tapestry.

Even more detail has been devoted to the man's skin tone. A beautiful combination of red, orange, beige and yellow create a skin tone that doesn't look painted, instead it looks as if "N.C.'s skin"

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# Gateway Opinion

## In The Ole National League

opinion by Sean Guilfoyle

It's that time of year again. The roasted peanuts. The stadium hot dogs. The delectable sushi?

While many of the food staples of baseball have changed over the years, the game itself has remained intact. Aside from a season shortened by a strike, major league baseball has all but moved past that episode, and has even added two new teams, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

What column would be complete without me picking the winners and losers of this coming season? I mean, if the "meteorologists" can "predict" the weather, then I, as the avid baseball fan, can pick the "winners."

Here's how the National League shakes down by division.

In the NL East, it appears to be the Atlanta Braves, hands down. In what could potentially be the weakest division in all of baseball, the Braves will run away with the East. Their rotation is strong, with Maddux, Glavine, Smoltz, Neagle and newcomer Millwood providing all the pitching they need. The addition of Andres Galarraga is a question mark, however, since he moves from the launching pad in Colorado to a larger ballpark in Atlanta.

The predicted finish for the NL East:

1. Atlanta 2. Florida 3. NY Mets 4. Montreal 5. Philadelphia

The NL Central is interesting as it appears all teams in the bracket will have the opportunity to win. The Central has also added the Milwaukee Brewers who come by way of the American League.

Believe it or not, I'm picking the Chicago Cubs (bite my tongue). They made some subtle moves in the off season, acquiring Mickey Morandini at second base and Jeff Blauser at shortstop from the Braves, making their middle infield one of the best defensively. The Cubs are also hoping their new closer Rod Beck, will fare better than Mel Rojas, who bombed in a one-year stint with the club. The question mark, like most teams, will be pitching (which is always an experience for the Cubs).

Others in close contention will be the Houston Astros and the Milwaukee Brewers.

The predicted finish for the NL Central:

1. Chicago Cubs 2. Houston 3. Milwaukee 4. Pittsburgh 5. Cincinnati

The NL West will be watched closely as the addition of a new expansion team, the Arizona Diamondbacks, takes the field for the first time.

My pick for first is the Los Angeles Dodgers. Even though I hate the Dodgers, they appear to be solid this year. This is not unlike previous seasons, where the Dodgers have wet their pants in the clutch and let the division drip down their leg. Still, their rotation of

Nomo, Martinez, Valdes, Park and Dreifort make them the front-runners. Their offensive power will come in the form of catcher Mike Piazza, Eric Karros and Raul Mondesi.

The predicted finish for the NL West:

1. LA Dodgers 2. San Diego 3. Arizona 4. San Francisco 5. Colorado

Now for the real league, the American (sorry about the DH). The American League East appears to be the strongest in baseball once again, and shouldn't disappoint.

The New York Yankees, in my unprejudiced, unbiased opinion, will win the East. The addition of Chili Davis at DH and Chuck Knoblauch at second base have put them ahead of the other teams. The steady play of team leader Paul O'Neill, and the sticks of Tino Martinez and Derek Jeter should help pace the club. The question mark is the depth of pitching, which appears to be a little thin. If off-field distractions are kept to a minimum, look for the Yankees to be playing well into October.

The predicted finish for the AL East:

1. NY Yankees 2. Baltimore 3. Boston 4. Toronto 5. Tampa Bay

The AL Central appears thin in contenders, but will still have a race in their hands.

The team to beat appears to be the Cleveland Indians. The re-acquisition of Kenny Lofton, along with Travis Fryman at third base should add to the offense. The pitching staff appears solid at first glance, but must be in tip-top condition to withstand the rigors of a full season.

The predicted finish for the AL Central:

1. Cleveland 2. Chicago White Sox 3. Detroit 4. Kansas City 5. Minnesota

The AL West, while only four teams deep, may provide some of baseball's biggest fireworks.

In a close race, I'll take the Seattle Mariners, who may have the best offensive lineup. Griffey, Buhner, Rodriguez and Edgar Martinez are nightmares for opposing pitchers as they come one right after the other. They still have Randy Johnson, the best left-hander in the game. Their question mark will be pitching depth and their closer, Heathcliff Slocumb, who has been erratic in past seasons.

The predicted finish for the AL West:

1. Seattle 2. Texas 3. Anaheim 4. Oakland

This should be quite an interesting season. Look for the Yankees and the Braves in a rematch of the '96 World Series (which the Yankees won), with the Yankees winning in six games. Every season keeps getting better, making this country's pastime the best game that was ever played. Pass the apple pie.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Gateway: The University of Nebraska at Omaha's Student Newspaper. I find this title interesting because of the word "student." I am a senior Dramatic Arts Major here at UNO and am writing in regards to the Tuesday, February 10, 1998 issue of the Gateway (Vol.97 No.38)

Let me explain. . . during the week of January 19th the Dramatic Arts Department participated in the Region V American College Theatre Festival and had a very exciting wee, however UNO's so-called "Student" paper merely published a picture of the banners that hang in the Fine Arts Building on page 12 of the above issue listed. Craig Fitzpatrick, Paul Pape, and Chris Ross excelled in their areas of theatre and made all UNO students proud to be part of our program.

Chris Ross took first place in the Irene Ryan Acting Competition out of 200+ competitors. His partner, Craig Fitzpatrick won best partner in the final round of competition out of 16 partners. Paul Pape won the Barbazon Award for Excellence in Scenic Design and the David L. Thayer Lighting Design Workshop/Competition. Chris and Craig will be traveling to Washington D.C. in April to represent our region in the national acting competition and Paul Pape will be taking his scenic design to D.C. as well to compete nationally.

To the rest of the UNO campus these accomplishments might not be a big deal, but UNO's Theatre Department is extremely proud of the work we do and our students have set the precedent for our region. If the Gateway is truly the "student" supporting paper it claims to be I feel there needs to be more focus on students, especially those who achieve acknowledgment for their talents. It is because of hard work, talent, and our extraordinary faculty that Chris, Craig, and Paul attained this honor and should be recognized by our "student" paper the way they are recognized with banners in the Fine Arts Building. There is certainly more to theatre than most people think.

Rachel S. McCutchen

Editor's note:

The article ran on February 13. The photo ran first because the Dramatic Arts Department did not get us the press release in time. We printed the photos alone because we wanted to be timely in covering the news.

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## Campus Culture

## Bauer Presents "Lower Moments in Higher Education"

by Julie Colling

Did you know that there is a difference between civil and uncivil disobedience?

Dr. Otto Bauer, a UNO communications professor, talked about this subject in his latest book, "Lower Moments in Higher Education." This book focuses on his experiences in higher education, looking at both civil and uncivil disobedience.

Sponsored by the University Library Friends of UNO, this organization brings people from the community in contact with the library with annual newsletters and speeches.

Bauer started writing in a journal about his daily experiences at the advice of a fellow

associate, dealing with civil and uncivil disobedience of many different forms on an everyday basis. Bauer listened and learned from every incident and used what he learned to be more conservative, more liberal and somehow found a middle ground between the two.

John Lokke, a student at UNO, illustrated Bauer's book. He felt that Bauer "reflected a breath of his experience" in looking at some very serious problems and using humor to get his point across.

Julie Powell, an employee at UNO Information, felt that Bauer's speech was "enjoyable" and a "good laugh."

Powell added, "I enjoyed hearing about the University of California at Berkley during the '60s and the 'Summer of Love' and the war protests."

With a delightful and funny speech, Bauer told tales of previous educational experiences. But with all the humor, there was a very serious side as well.

He used humor as a tool to get people to think about issues such as academic freedom and nudity on campus.

"There is a difference between civil and uncivil disobedience," Bauer said. And through the years, he has been witness to

many of these kinds of occasions; when to draw the line between them is sometimes hard to do, he said. However, with determination and perseverance, he found the middle of the road.

He said there should be academic and civil freedom, but it should be conducted in a civil and respectable manner. When riots and protests become violent and "destroy people and property," then there is a "breakdown in confidence of the higher education system."

Bauer said when one's trust is broken, it becomes one of the lower moments in higher education.



Gerontology Professor, Dr. James Thorson, holds a "mouse" in a trap up for inspection. Thorson gets into character for his role as a homicidal maniac in "The Mousetrap." This is the final weekend for the whodunnit production, playing at The Grande Olde Players Theatre,

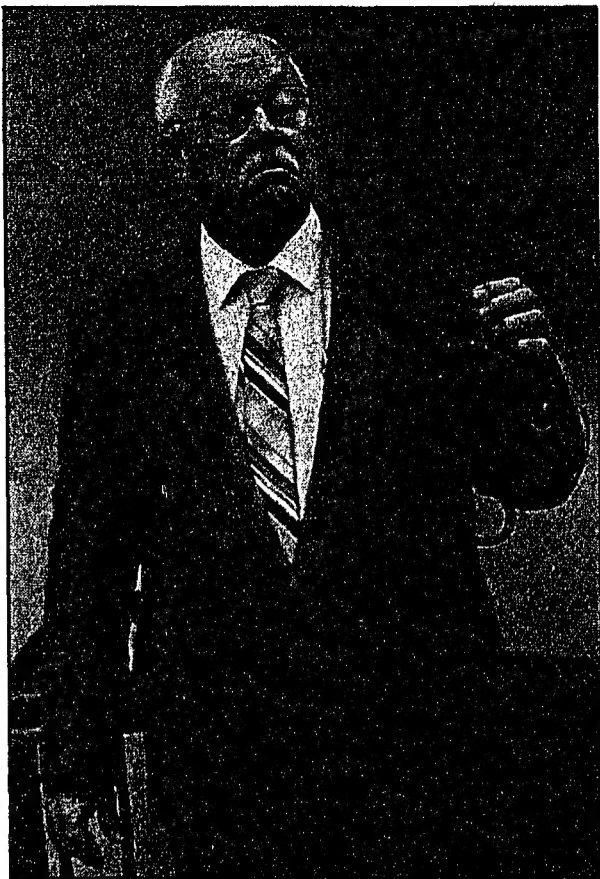


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## Grande Olde Playing

by Jon Shrader

He is probably one of the leading minds in gerontology. He has written seven books, and is contemplating work on another. He sings. He acts. He is Dr. James Thorson, professor and chairperson of UNO's department of gerontology.

A native of Chicago, Thorson started out with an undergraduate degree in marketing, but after an interview at an advertising agency with a "cold" person, he pursued other avenues. Thorson then stumbled on a graduate program in gerontology at the University of North Carolina.

Thorson came to UNO in 1977, and in 1979 he became chairperson of the gerontology department. Thorson is proud of UNO's department of gerontology.

"It's one of the largest in the Midwest," Thorson said of the department. None of the universities in South Dakota, North Dakota or Iowa have a gerontology program.

Not all of Thorson's time is spent in the classroom. He also leads a group studying the sense of humor used in coping. Thorson has written many articles on the subject, including one he worked on with Dr. Powell, another gerontology professor, which appeared in the *Journal of Clinical Psychology* in October of last year.

Thorson can't resist throwing a joke in the conversation from time to time, which seems

to build rapport very quickly with whomever he is speaking.

A busy career doesn't keep Thorson from cramming his spare time with other activities. He sings in the bass section of the Omaha Symphonic Chorus. Thorson also loves acting. His dream role would be the Ghost of

Thorson can't resist throwing a joke in the conversation from time to time, which seems to build rapport very quickly with whomever he is speaking.

Christmas Present in an Omaha Playhouse production of "A Christmas Carol," because he would get to have a feast every performance. Thorson has performed in several plays at Omaha's Grande Olde Players (GOP) Theatre. He is currently playing a "homicidal maniac" in the GOP's presentation of "The Mousetrap," an Agatha Christie murder mystery.

Thorson plays the role with almost a personal knowledge of the character's attitudes. He is constantly involved in these activities so he never has an "empty plate."

## Thorson On The Loose in "The MouseTrap"

by Jon Shrader

**Author's opinions enclosed**

What impressed me about Dr. Thorson was his dedication to live life to the fullest no matter what. No matter where life finds him, he'll continue to excel in everything he does whether it's teaching, learning or performing. He definitely doesn't want to slow down, he wants to keep doing what he does best: have fun.

Thorson's love of fun and life showed in his performance in "The Mousetrap." The play takes us back to 1952 England, where a lady has been strangled and her murderer is on the loose.

The cast consists of a couple "loonies," an

"old biddy," a military major, a young woman, the police sergeant and the husband and wife managers of the boarding house. The actors captured their characters with an excellence not expected from unpaid performers. I consider myself the king of whodunits, but even I didn't guess who it was. It helped make the play as a whole a really good experience.

The Grande Olde Players Theatre is at 90th and Blondo next to Hobby Lobby and Drug Emporium. "The Mousetrap" is staged every day Thursday through Sunday until Feb. 22. For more information and reservations call 397-5262.

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# Gateway Athletes of the Week

# Sports

by Andy Nordmeier

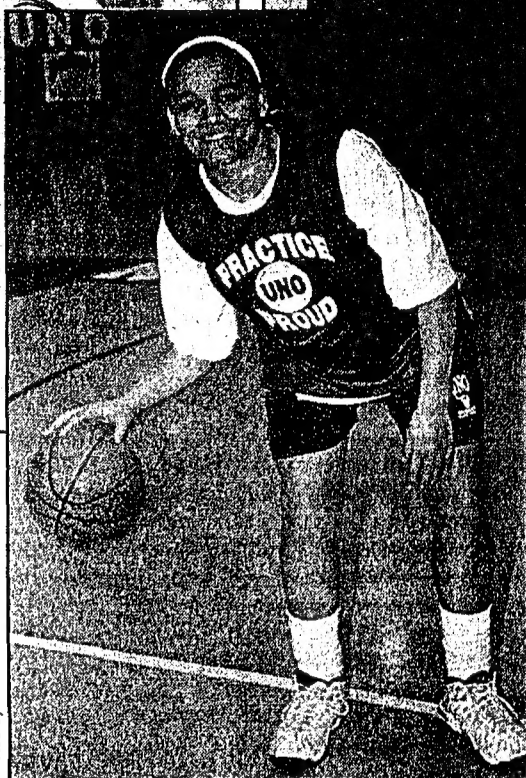
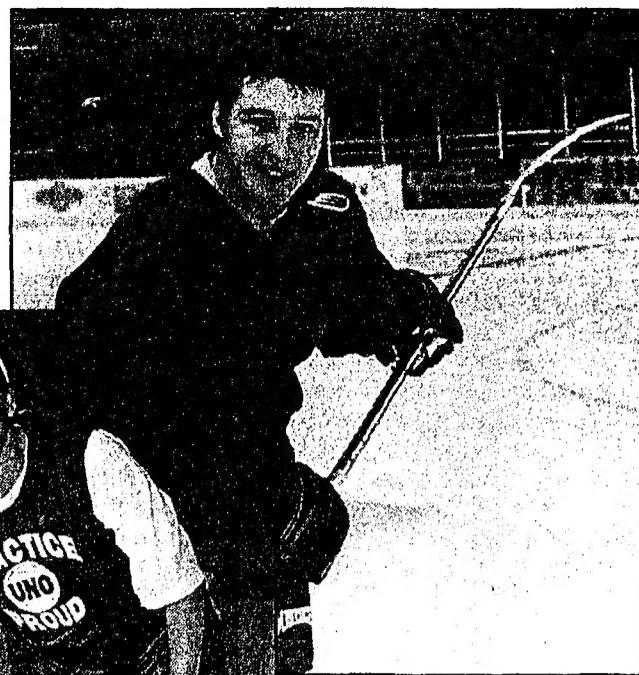
This week's *Gateway* athletes of the week share the common thread of hard work and having breakout games this past weekend.

For the men, the award is split between hockey players Ryan Bencurik and Jason Cupp.

Bencurik broke out of a scoring slump last weekend with three goals over the two games against Mankato State. The sophomore from Chicago is a mainstay on the blueline and has been important considering the team's lack of defensemen. Bencurik now has four goals and nine assists on the year following the series.

"He was struggling with goals but he broke out," Kemp said. "He did an excellent job at both ends of the ice."

Cupp also turned in an outstanding performance by netting five assists on the weekend. The freshman from Thunder Bay, Ontario now has a team leading 22 points on 10 goals and 12 assists on the year. Cupp is one of five Mavs to play in every game this season.



photos by Steve Haulton

"Jason has continued to create opportunities with his puckhandling," Kemp said, "and he has moved the puck well."

For the women, the honor goes to Lady Mav basketball player Jacinda VanFossen.

VanFossen, the senior center from Davenport, Iowa, led the Lady Mavs in the 100-90 loss to Northern Colorado on Saturday night. She came off of the bench to score a team-high 24 points on the night. At one point, VanFossen was a one-woman wrecking crew as she ran off 10 points in a row to keep the Mavs in the game.

VanFossen also was named NCAA Nebraska

Division II woman basketball player of the week based on the efforts against the Lady Bears.

"Jacinda did a great job off of the bench," Lady Mav head coach Cherri Mankenberg said. "She has a mission to attack the basket."

*The Gateway Athletes of the Week are (clockwise from left) Ryan Bencurik, Jason Cupp and Jacinda VonFossen.*

## Swimmers Head to NCC for One Last Splash

by Ed Poppleton

Six lanes of dolphin-like figures race to one end of a pool, turn around and head back, coming up for air occasionally, skimming the water top. The finalists reach for the wall and the clock stops.

A smile from the winner and a handshake across the pool lanes end that event and another begins.

The Lady Mav swimming and diving team is closing out its inaugural year this weekend at the North Central Conference meet in Grand Forks, N.D.

The Lady Mavs are in good shape and ready to post some personal best times. The team is shooting for four of the eight swimmers on the trip to make it in the top 16 places.

The Lady Mavs report no injuries and are resting by decreasing the amount of time in the pool for peak performance at the NCC meet. "Resting" means tapering down the amount of time in the pool from 18 hours a week to nine hours, with emphasis on speed and drills. By doing so, the team will be

at peak performance and ready to score points.

Steph Patterson, Kate Conklin, Kristy Malone and Kim Ferris are shooting for the top 16. Each swimmer is in a good position to achieve that goal.

The Lady Mavs will be competing with nine other NCC rivals in an attempt to bring home personal best times to end the season.

For its inaugural year, the Lady Mav swimming and diving team competed against teams that consisted of more experienced swimmers. The team did not have the depth of most teams in the conference. Lady Mav head coach Todd Samland stated that he is anticipating depth in the next two years.

Despite the lack of depth, Samland said the team is still competitive. The team focused on improving times and technique before the meet and is ready to post more seasonal best records.

Conklin will be swimming in the 100-yard butterfly event, trying to break her previous personal best time

of 1:00.8. Ferris will be swimming the 200-yard breaststroke, trying to defeat her previous record of 2:38.6.

Malone is competing in the 200-yard freestyle, attempting to beat a previous time of 2:00.9. Patterson will contend in the 200-yard butterfly. Her current best time is 2:20.4.

The other four swimmers on the trip are Erin Johns, Tomomi Kano, Heather Wickes and Carolyn Roberts.

Johns will swim the 100-yard freestyle, challenging her personal best of 1:00.1. Kano is looking to knock time off of her personal best in the 500-yard freestyle of 7:06.8. Roberts will swim the 200-yard backstroke, attempting to improve on her time of 2:39.8. Wickes will swim the 100-yard freestyle, attempting to slash time off of her best of 1:14.6.

Samland reflected on the season and all of its ups and downs.

"This whole season has been a learning process and this will be the final lesson," Samland said.

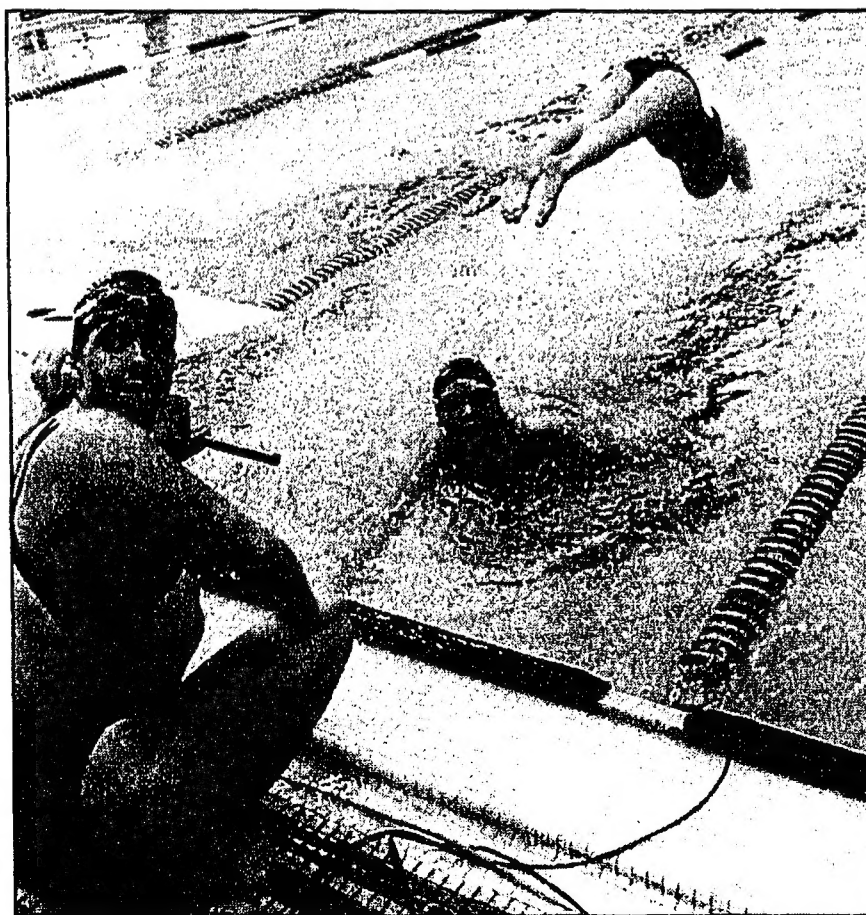


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*Lady Mav swimmers Steph Patterson (left) and Erin Johns (center) check their times as Kristy Malone (right) dives into the pool in the 400-meter freestyle relay.*



# A Home Away From Home

Lady Mavs run back to Lincoln for second week in a row

by Andy Nordmeier

The Lady Mav track team is back together this week after splitting the squad for the Nebraska Wesleyan Open and the Frank Sevigne Invitational and will be one team for the NAIC meet held Saturday in the Devaney Center in Lincoln.

Nebraska Wesleyan will host the meet and it will be a chance for head coach Tim Hendricks to give the team some competition without it being as intense as the conference meet.

"We might have a few run in their specialty events," Hendricks said, "and we won't have too many runners doubling either."

Most of the competition will have a local flavor to it as nearly all the teams will come from Nebraska or Missouri. Some of the teams that will be there are the host, Nebraska, Northwest Missouri State, Truman State, Nebraska-Kearney and Drake. Big 12 conference members Kansas and Kansas State may also be at the meet as well.

After this meet, the team will have an eight-day competition break in which they will taper down their workouts and their times as well.

"It will be a three-team race between us, South Dakota and North Dakota State and there is no clear-cut favorite," Hendricks said about the March 1 meet in St. Cloud, Minn. "Where one team is weak, the others are strong."

Down at the Sevigne Invite, the Lady Mavs only ran in two relays, but turned several heads in the process with a sixth in the mile relay and a 12th in the distance medley relay. Each race was run with over 20 other teams in the field and it was mainly Division I competition from all over the nation.

"Some of the teams we beat (in the mile relay) were Michigan, Georgia, Maryland, UNLV, UTEP and Wyoming," Hendricks said. "This good competition helped us to build momentum for the conference meet."

The mile relay of Karisa Foight, Derby, Kelly Koziol and Carri Butler finished in a time of 3:46.92 and turned out to be the best time in Division II this year. Then again, the run almost didn't count.

"We had to file a protest in the mile relay," Hendricks said, "because of a call made by an official. It would have been a shame to lose that time."

The distance medley relay team (Elise Henry, Katie McConnel, Shannon Williams and Tara Biltoft) just missed a school record Saturday with their time of 12:06.59. The record still stands at 12:07.

The Mavs put in a strong performance at the Nebraska Wesleyan meet and won six events as a team.

Sandy Derby and Suzanne Larsen finished 1-2 in the high jump. Reisha Vanterpool took home top honors in the 600-meter run and Theresa Sanderson was the first to break the tape in the mile run in a time of 5:25.5.

The wins kept coming in the 880-yard run where April Scheer beat the pack, Jami Brown took the 1000-yard run by three seconds over her nearest competitor and Rochelle Gordon out-jumped her competition and leapt her way to the top spot in the triple jump.

The team also placed a total of 18 athletes in the top six spots of the 15 events on the day.

"I feel like we are way ahead of last year," Hendricks said, "and we have to get out and score in our strengths."

## End of the Road

Wrestlers close dual season in North Dakota

by Andy Nordmeier

The Mav wrestling team has a tough challenge this weekend as they lock up with the North Dakota Fighting Sioux tonight and the North Dakota State Bison tomorrow to wrap up the regular season.

The featured meet of the weekend is the North Dakota State matchup on Saturday night as it pits two of the top 10 teams in the country against each other. The Mavs are currently ranked No. 6 and the Bison are No. 2.

The Mavs will be coming into the weekend with a full head of steam after beating South Dakota State and Division I Northern Iowa in the last two weeks. They also report that there are no injuries on the team this week and will be at full strength.

"We're starting to heal up from our injuries," Mav head coach Mike Denney said. "Most of our guys feel good."

The Bison have been hot all season and will be a way for the Mavs to get a sneak preview of them before the conference meet.

"They always are a great program and we have great exciting duals with them," Denney said. "It always goes down to the last match."

The two key matchups on the night will feature a pair of ranked Mavs in Braumon Creighton and Jose Medina.

Creighton will match up with defending national champion George Thompson. They have locked horns in the past and know what to expect out of each other. Medina faces the same caliber of competition in Ryan Wolters. Wolters was a national champion in 1995 when he was a freshman. Now a senior, he spent most of last season recovering from a knee injury that limited him to a 17-8 record.

These two teams have been powerhouses

in the North Central Conference over the last 15 years as the teams have combined for all NCC titles between 1982 and 1996. The Mavs own the crowns from the 1991, 1995 and 1996 seasons. The Bison own the other 12 championships in the period. The rivalry also extends to the national meet as well. The Bison have been there every year since 1971 and won the team title back in 1988 as they beat out the Mavs.

"There is good fan support at NDSU," Denney said. "The veterans use it to their advantage and the fans know it's good wrestling."

Tonight the Mavs will battle the Fighting Sioux to open the road trip. Despite the large battle looming for the next night, the Mavs will not be looking down the line.

"We can't look past them," Denney said. "They have some really good individuals."

The three individuals that he was referring to are the Sioux's 126-, 142- and 158-pounders in Erin Razo, Chris Zink and Chris Johnecheck, respectively.

That means that the Mavs' Jeff Nielsen will have a go of it with Razo, Boyce Voorhess and Zink will square off, and Albert Harrold and Johnecheck will lock horns in the featured matches.

There is a likelihood that the Mavs may meet either one or both teams at the conference meet on March 1 and taking on these teams this late in the season could benefit the Mavs at the meet.

"This is great preparation and we know we have to be at our best," Denney said. "Nobody is going to outwork us."

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RELATIONSHIPS**  
Tuesday, Feb. 24  
12-1 pm, MBSC, Jenkins Rm.

**5x5 Basketball** Scores  
**Wednesday B League**  
Normu vs. NADS 73-68  
Sig Ep vs. Takashi's 48-47  
Koichi's vs. BYE

### Intramural Standings for the week of February 9-February 15

#### 5x5 Basketball (cont.)

**Wednesday Frat A League** Scores  
BBR vs. Sig Ep 74-66  
Theta Chi vs. Lambda Chi 41-31  
Rebel vs. BYE

**Sunday A League Yellow Pool**  
D.A. vs. Grumpy 85-72  
Silk vs. Vikings 88-51  
Omaha vs. BYE

**Sunday A League Red Pool**  
Prime Time vs. Ballers 76-47  
Pistons vs. Lakers 51-50  
BMW vs. BYE

#### 5x5 Basketball (cont.)

**Sunday B League** Scores  
Hawg Wild vs. Outsiders 65-58  
Runnin vs. Team Lord 70-33  
Reserves vs. R & B 70-38

#### 4x4 Volleyball

**Sunday Frat League**  
KSA vs. Lambda Chi 2-0  
Sig Ep A vs. Theta Chi 0-2

**Sunday B League**  
Free Agents vs. Theta Chi 2-0  
Whippits vs. Chi O W-L/F 2-1

#### Soccer

**Sunday A League** Scores  
Scorpions vs. JFC 6-5  
America vs. Tenacious D L/F-W

**Sunday B League**  
Free Agents vs. GDT 6-3  
Swingers vs. Delta 3-2

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